

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

June 20, 2003

STATEMENT OF OBJECTIONS TO SENATE BILL NO. 58

Honorable Members
Twenty-Second Legislature
State of Hawaii

Pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 58, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to School Repair and Maintenance."

The purpose of this bill is to appropriate moneys for fiscal year 2003-2004 to support Hawaii 3R's, a Hawaii nonprofit organization, in its program to assist in the public and private efforts to repair and maintain Hawaii's public schools.

I strongly support the efforts and accomplishments of Hawaii 3R's and intend to approve the general fund appropriation in this bill of \$148,688 for fiscal year 2003-2004 as a grant for Hawaii 3R's. Given the State's critical fiscal condition, this amount represents a significant commitment by the State to Hawaii 3R's and reflects our belief in the effectiveness of our partnership to improve Hawaii's public schools.

However, I object to the \$51,312 general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2003-2004 to pay for a position in the Department of Accounting and General Services to coordinate the public and private efforts to repair and maintain public schools, designated in section 4 on pages 11-12 of the bill. I believe that we can assist Hawaii 3R's in a fiscally prudent manner by using existing resources to provide the needed coordination services.

Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution provides that, "[e]xcept for items appropriated to be expended by the judicial and legislative branches, the governor may veto any specific item or items in any bill which appropriates money for

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specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same." Because of the foregoing objection, pursuant to my line item veto authority, I have reduced the \$51,312 general fund appropriation for fiscal year 2003-2004 to pay for a position in the Department of Accounting and General Services to coordinate the public and private efforts to repair and maintain public schools (on pages 11-12) and changed it to \$0.

For the foregoing reason, I am returning Senate Bill No. 58 with the reduction set forth above totaling \$51,312 in general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2003-2004.

Respectfully,

LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, the Governor is required to give notice, by a proclamation, of the Governor's plan to return with the Governor's objections any bill presented to the Governor less than ten days before adjournment sine die or presented to the Governor after adjournment sine die of the Legislature; and


WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 58, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to School Repair and Maintenance," passed by the Legislature, was presented to the Governor within the aforementioned period; and

WHEREAS, under Section 16 of Article III, the Governor may veto any specific item or items in any bill that appropriates money for specific purposes by striking out or reducing the same; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 58 appropriates money for specific purposes and a certain appropriation item in that bill is unacceptable to the Governor of the State of Hawaii;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of the State of Hawaii, do hereby issue this proclamation, pursuant to the provisions of Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution of the State of Hawaii, giving notice of my plan to return Senate Bill No. 58, with my objections to a certain appropriation item contained therein, to the Legislature as provided by said Section 16 of Article III of the Constitution.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,
State of Hawaii, this 20th day
of June, 2003.



LINDA LINGLE
Governor of Hawaii